



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Peter Mau, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: October 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Second Reading of Policy 503, Student Attendance

BACKGROUND

School District 197 Policy 503, Student Attendance was reviewed against Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Model Policy and the School Board's added language.

The following changes stem from the School Board discussion of this item at the September 22nd meeting.

1. Religious holiday was changed to religious observance in four places.
2. "Car not working and/or traffic issues" was eliminated from the list of unexcused absences.
3. In II. B. 5., the following language was added to mirror what is part of II. B. 3.

"Students whose absences are unexcused are required to make up all assignments missed or to complete alternative assignments as deemed appropriate by the classroom teacher."

RESOLUTION

This is a second reading, no resolution is needed at this time.